ers. Whereas, the master-weavers, not only reduced the off-load but also the wages to compensate the price increase of yarn.In fact, the State Textile Development Corporation which opened its branch in November, 1988 at Chirala (Guntur District) is still not in a position to provide continuous work due to severe financial crunch. For instance, out of 1200 members registered with it, only 400 to 500 are being employed, that too, not continuously

Finally, what I would like to bring to your kind notice is that though the Andhra weaver is second to none in skill and efficiency, he or she is not getting enough work to do. And of course, handloom industry is the second largest employment source, next only to Agriculture, in the State.

It is, in this backdrop, I request the concerned Ministers to treat the matter on war-footing so as to provide relief to the people by supplying yarn, the other materials at cheap rates and providing the daily work. This is essential as recurrence of such deaths can be prevented in future.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpur): I hope the Ministers are listening to this important issue. I think they are not even listening to this important issue.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA (Padrauna): Mr. Chairman, Sir, through you, I would like to draw Government's attention towards the plight of crores of sugarcane growers in Uttar Pradesh. A very critical situation has arisen in Uttar Pradesh Uttar Pradesh has a total population of 12 crores and sugarcane is the main source of livelihood to majority of the populace. There are 105 sugarmills in U.P. Most of them are obsolute and in a dilapidated condition and they have a crushing capacity of 800 to 1200 tonnes only. They have been running in losses to the tune of crores of rupees. Today the mill owners owe crores of rupees to sugarcane growers. At present, the recoverles, both Governmental and non-Governmental are made from the farmers. As a result, the property of farmers are being attached and arrest warrents are being issued against them. The farmers are not getting their due payment, despite being in possession of slips received from sugar mills. Through you, I would like to submit to the Union Government that there are only two ways to keep the sugarcane growers of U.P. alive. The first remedy is to provide necessary machinery for the expansion of 800-1200 tonne capacity sugar mills into 2500 tonne capacity units. Secondly, it would be difficult to crush the entire sugarcane produce in the absence of new Sugar mills. I would also like to mention here that there are two rates for sugarcane in U.P.viz. Rs. 45/- paid by sugar factories and Rs. 30/- to Rs. 35/- paid by crushers. I would also like to submit here that arrears to the tune of billions of rupees are pending against sugar mill owners. Earlier, the Union Government has waived loans of Rs.1200 crore to provide relief to the farmers. I request the Central Government to direct the banks to accept the slips from sugarcane growers as mortgaged property and make the payment thereof in order to clear their arrears and enable them to sustain themselves. I feel that this is a practical suggestion and the Government should pay its attention towards it ....(Interruptions)

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV (Azamgarh): Mr. Chairman, Sir, the problem faced by the sugarcane growers of Uttar Pradesh is indeed a serious one. The farmers are not getting their payment and they won't grow sugarcane in the coming year— — (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am not allowing you. Shri Ramashray Prasad Singh.

(*Interruptions*)*

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD (Jahanabad): Sir, Shri Saryu Prasad, the brave young driver of the Masaudi city brach of the State Bank of India, located in the

*Not recorded

Masaudi sub-division of Patna district in Bihar, who saved Rupees one crore from dacoits on October 31, 1990,is yet to be rewarded for his courageous act. Although the youngman got seriously injured in the process, he gave little value to his life in the discharge of his duty. Senior officials of the Bank and the local administration were all praise for this courageous act and termed it as patriotic. Such young people should always be encouraged.

The criminals and dacoits attacked the jeep with bombs. The driver got injured and the vehicle cought fire, yet he drove the jeep to safety and saved Government money. It's a pity that the driver had to pay from his pocket for his treatment. The Government should have given him promotion and provided him with adequate compensation and reward.

I request the hon. Minister of Finance to provide appropriate compensation and suitable employment to the young man, so that it may inspire others as well.

[*English*]

SHRI S.B. SI DNAL (Belgaum): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the news report of *Times of India* dated 08th April, 1992, in which it has been stated that there has been communal clashes in Belgaum City.

I would also like to draw the attention of the Government on the *Hindustan Times* news report dated 8th April, 1992, captioned "TOP ULTRAS LINKS IN KARNATAKA."Accoring to this report, some of the top militants self-styled Lt. General of the Bhindranwala Tigers Force of Khalistan visited Bangalore recently for collecting funds. It is also stated in the report that these dreadful Punjab militants have visited Bidar and pledged to help the students of the Guru Nanak Engineering College to avenge the killings of some sikh students in clashes with locals in 1988.

It is a fact that extremists have extended their activities in Karnataka on a large scale and communal clashes are also on the increase.

It will be appropriate to recall this House that LTTE activities were in the headlines of newspapers in recent months.

Karnataka is considered as a very peaceful State and its peace loving citizens should not fall under the clutches of these forces. It has never happened in the history of Belgaum now because of such elements entry the situation is becoming from bad to worse.

I appeal to the Government and our hon. Home Minister to take immediate action against such elements with the help of the State Government in the interest of integrity of the country.

[*Translation*]

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES (Muzaffarpur): Sir, I am one again raising the issue of North- East here. Just in the morning, we received news to the effect that at 3.P.M. today, the Congress Party is forming Government in the State with the support of M.L.As from other parties. Whom it has weaved away in its own inimitable way. Sir, the State Assembly was kept in suspended animiation a jew weeks back and subsequently the former Chief Minister and many political parties demanded dissolution of the Assembly and holding of fresh elections. The Congress Party had raised several objections when in Nagaland, the Government with a majority support demanded the dissolution of the State Assembly and holding of fresh elections. Similarly, in Manipur's case all the political parties in the State including the youth congress demand the holding of fresh elections, but the Congress Party is once again at its old game as is evident from its action in Manipur.

Further, this action on the part of the Congress should remove all doubts and expectations in the minds of the people that the Congress has changed, that there is a change in its attitude. This is the very same party which had been responsible for creating similar situations in the country over the